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VIA EMAIL AND ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Stuart M. Bernstein
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of New York
One Bowling Green
New York, NY 10004-1408

Re: *Secs. Investor Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Secs. LLC*, No. 08-01789
(SMB)
Picard v. Merkin, Adv. Proc. No. 09-01182 (SMB)

Dear Judge Bernstein:

On behalf of Defendants J. Ezra Merkin and Gabriel Capital Corporation (collectively "Merkin Defendants") and Ralph C. Dawson, as Receiver for Defendant Ascot Partners, L.P., and Ascot Fund Limited ("Defendants"), we respectfully submit this request for access to a private room in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York at One Bowling Green, New York, New York, to be used as a breakout and storage room during trial.

Trial is scheduled to commence before Your Honor in the above captioned adversary proceeding on Monday, June 18, 2018. *See* Hearing Transcript at 66:3, *Picard v. Merkin*, Adv. Proc. No. 09-01182 (SMB). We therefore request access to the room from Friday, June 15, 2018, through the conclusion of the trial.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mariel R. Bronen", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mariel R. Bronen

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Cc: All counsel of record